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TO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH DR. ELLIOT GABELLAH

REF: BLANTYRE 782, 898, 933

1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING REFTELS. ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS MET JULY 9 WITH ANC VICE PRESIDENT, DR. ELLIOT GABELLAH, AND MYSNDO CHINGA, ANC REPRESENTATIVE IN LONDON. CONVERSATION WENT ALONG SAME LINES AS REPORTED BLANTYRE

782. GABELLAH LEFT COPY OF MEMORANDUM WITH MAIN TALKING POINTS WHICH BEING POUCHED ADDRESSEES.

2. GABELLAH URGED THAT U.S. ISSUE PUBLIC STATE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MENT SUPPORTING ANC INITIATIVE IN SEEKING PEACEFUL CHANGE

IN RHODESIA AND REQUESTED WE (A) REPEAL BYRD AMENDMENT; (B) CLOSE RHODESIAN INFORMATION OFFICE (RIO) IN WASHINGTON; (C) PREVENT U.S. TOURISM IN RHODESIA AND (D) STOP ALLEGED RECRUITMENT OF MERCENARIES IN U.S. BY RHODESIAN REGIME. HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT U.S. PROVIDE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, PARTICULARLY AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL, FOR RHODESIAN STUDENTS.

3. AMBASSADOR DAVIS STATED WE WOULD CONSIDER MAKING A PUBLIC STATEMENT AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME. IN RESPONSE TO

SPECIFIC POINTS HE (A) EMPHASIZED STRONG ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT FOR REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT; (B) NOTED THAT RHODESIAN INFORMATION OFFICE WAS DULY REGISTERED WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UNDER THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT AND AS LONG AS IT DID NOT ENGAGE IN ILLEGAL ACTS THERE IS NO WAY TO CLOSE THE OFFICE; (C) STATED THAT WHILE WE STRONGLY DISCOURAGE PRIVATE AMERICAN TRAVEL TO RHODESIA WE COULD NOT LEGALLY PROHIBIT IT; (D) SAID THAT WE WERE INVESTIGATING THE ALLEGED RECRUITMENT OF MERCENARIES AND NOTED THAT THE ORGANIZATION IN COLORADO THAT HAD BEEN ADVERTISING FOR MERCENARIES HAD STOPPED AS A RESULT OF THE INVESTIGATION. CONCERNING MERCENARIES DAVIS NOTED THAT ANY US CITIZEN ENLISTING IN A FOREIGN ARMY WOULD NOT ONLY RUN THE RISK OF LOSING HIS AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP BUT MIGHT ALSO BE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION UNDER THE FOREIGN SERVICES ENLISTMENT ACT.

4. AMBASSADOR DAVIS REVIEWED EXISTING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR RHODESIANS AND OTHER SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEES (SASP AND SAREP) AND STATED WE PREPARED TO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITIES OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES. (FYI AID GIVING CONSIDERATION TO INCLUDING RHODESIANS IN AFGRAD PROGRAM.)

5. GABELLAH STATED THAT ANC WOULD SOON APPOINT A U.S. REPRESENTATIVE. AMBASSADOR DAVIS SAID THAT WE LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE SOON AFTER HIS ARRIVAL.

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6. WHILE LITTLE NEW GROUND COVERED, WE BELIEVE MEETING WAS USEFUL IN CLARIFYING U.S. POSITIONS REGARDING RHODESIA AND IN ESTABLISHING NEW CONTACTS WITH ANC LEADERSHIP. KISSINGER

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